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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of increase in Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) every year, there is a continuous decline in the disbursement of loans by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided to Bihar by NABARD during each of the last three years;

(d) whether Government of Bihar has submitted any proposal for seeking loans/financial projects from NABARD in the recent past; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The disbursement of loans under RIDF to Government of Bihar has gradually increased from Rs.16.28 crore in 2002-03 to Rs.201.13 crore in 2006-07.

(c): The details of financial assistance sanctioned to Government of Bihar by NABARD under RIDF during the past three years is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	Year	Amount of RIDF loan sanctioned	Refinance assistance to Banks
1.	2004-05	290.91	176.45
2.	2005-06	459.41	117.21
3.	2006-07	589.80	168.06

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. NABARD has allocated Rs.584 crore to Government of Bihar for availing of loans out of RIDF-XIII during the year 2007-08. Out of which Rs.233.47 crore have already been sanctioned for 6 project proposals containing barge lift irrigation projects, rural roads and flood protection projects.